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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, ICAPB:

Subject: NSC Draft of Directive to CIA on Psychological Activities.

1. Concur that overt and covert activities must have distinct line of demarcation in interests of security.
2. Since they must also be coordinated, a level of coordination must be determined. This should be high enough for security and joint policy reasons but not so high above a working level that effective coordination is lost.
3. While a very broad directive is desirable at this stage, and operational details should be left to later consideration, it is not believed that CIA will be able to handle all covert activities in this field abroad, and [redacted] may fall in the legitimate sphere of CIA operations. Members of [redacted]

"....to initiate and conduct, to the extent of available funds, such covert psychological operations against foreign nations as are consistent with and are logically included in its normal activities and are also consistent with U.S. foreign policy, provided that these operations are closely coordinated with overt foreign informational activities of the U. S. Government."

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Captain, USN
Chief, Advisory Council

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